

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 225

Approved July 9, 2020

WHEREAS, Over the past several weeks, cities across the country have experienced significant increases in the incidences of fireworks being used at all times of the night and often directly above residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Law §11-13-1 prohibits the sale or use of aerial fireworks without first obtaining a permit from the local Fire Marshall; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous businesses throughout the state, and specifically within the City of Providence, that are currently offering aerial fireworks for sale to the public; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Business Regulation has the authority to take enforcement action against any business entity that is operating without first obtaining the proper licenses; and

WHEREAS, The use of aerial fireworks without a permit creates a public health and safety hazard as the noise effects the quality of life for local residents and the improper use of an aerial firework can significantly harm persons and property in the area; and

WHEREAS, While the City of Providence has begun efforts to better manage the use of fireworks within the limits of the City, it is necessary that the Department of Business Regulation recognize the seriousness of this issue and take the necessary enforcement actions against local businesses who are illegally selling aerial fireworks without the appropriate permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby requests that the Department of Business Regulation commence enforcement actions against all business enterprises that are engaged in the sale of aerial fireworks without a permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Business Regulation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor
Date: 7/9/20